

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 1-17 and 24 were allowable, and that Claims 18-23, 25 and 26 were withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention. Although Claims 1-17 and 24 were said to be allowable, the Examiner objected to the drawings since the drawings do not presently show the feature that the base layer 18 is monocrystalline over the collector and polycrystalline over the trench isolation regions, as recited in original Claims 1 and 24. Applicants observe that the Examiner has indicated that the aforementioned feature must be shown in a drawing or cancelled from the claims.

In order to expedite the allowance of the present application, and to simplify this amendment, applicants have elected to cancel the aforementioned feature that the base layer 18 is monocrystalline over the collector and polycrystalline over the trench isolation regions from Claims 1 and 24. Applicants observe that the cancellation of this feature required the applicants to amend Claims 1 and 24 in the manner indicated supra. Applicants observe that the amended claims now positively recite that the extra base layer comprises a monocrystalline material over the substrate and a polycrystalline material over the oxide pedestal and said base layer that is *located above said trench isolation regions*, said polycrystalline material over said oxide pedestal is thinner than the polycrystalline material over said base layer that is *located above said trench isolation regions*. The italicized text indicates the structural relationship of the area of the base layer that was previous claimed to be polycrystalline relative to the trench isolation

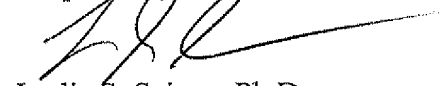
regions. This amendment is supported by paragraph 0032 of the originally filed application.

Applicants observe that the above amendments to the claims obviate the need for the applicants to file any corrected drawings. Moreover, the above amendments to the claims do not affect the current allowability of the claims.

Applicants observe that the non-elected claims, i.e., Claims 18-23 and 25 have been cancelled herein.

Wherefore, reconsideration and continued allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

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